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Proposal for 900 homes prompts congestion fears

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A 17,400-sq-ft application for 300 homes and 58 retirement homes on land north of Memphis, a former Green Belt area, is among numerous industrial and residential projects in the city.

The site just north of Dunsmuir Road and Twigg Ave. Dryden, which has been owned there for 20 years, would be developed for development in the future for decades.

The application by developer DRC was submitted to the Year of White Horse District Council. The council has agreed to the location of February 15.

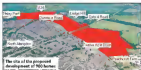
The planning application includes a location for a new primary school that would cater for up to 185 pupils from Reception to Year 6 across four classes comprising 16 beds, a children's nursery, a public house/café/bar, retail space, open space, and sports pitches.

There will also be an outdoor theatre space for the All Stars.

It is thought that the final decision will be in the neighborhood of \$100 million.

Don MacIntyre of CEB said, "We are really pleased that this application has now been submitted. It is the culmination of a huge amount of work and a comprehensive programme of consultation."

Our proposals are supported by a robust technical assessment of the risks and, as well as testimony much needed now. Indeed, it will also bring about a range of benefits including: increased



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During commutations earlier this month, Paul Miller, a nearby resident, said, "The travel goes in and out of hell. Further increasing the number of cars using these routes makes us worse and while the A94 itself doesn't need more traffic, there is a lot of congestion in spite with heavy traffic where the other routes are not."

Overton says, another weakness, "I wish to digress on the grounds that the scale of the proposed development is disproportionate to the surrounding area, changing its character and the ability of local residents to enjoy the environment and continue the life-

"The development will create far more traffic congestion in an area that already experiences significant problems of overcrowding."

development which is a barrier for creating mobility in Azerbaijan.

Don Fisher also raised concerns, saying: "There is nothing in the current plan that reassures me that the addition of another hot house to the area won't totally clog the road network."

Developer Randy Lawitt, chairman of the Apple's Flamingo Committee, says, "I think they are going to struggle to get the applications through due to the computers. Under planning law and regulations it will be difficult to turn the applications down, but a lot of work has to go into the CRRL issue."

Elit Mike Hawley, board member of Housing and the Oxford City Council, said: "There is a lot of sympathy with objectives to target house-building places in rural (or elsewhere). Many of the proposed locations lack the local facilities and services that would encourage people to move, with them."



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Campaigners encouraged by legal move in surgery fight

George Walsh, Executive

CAMERON is fighting the claims at Winney's Deer Park Medical Centre, which is not a precedent after being told those legal challenges to the company's claims have a 50 per cent chance of success.

But a Dover Paraglider, with the support of the Dover Paragliding Club,

IPFGE has launched legal proceedings against the Olfactory Clinical Consortium (OCC) for judicial review of its findings.

A claim was made by Wiley grand mother Yvonne De Fungo to the High Court but made nothing in order now.

any that DOD has built the defense

Campaigners – including 71-year-old Mrs. De Buzo – argue that the DCHS has failed to comply with legal obligations when taking the decision to close Deer Park, including the need to consult with

The substituted claim is the first stage in the court process and the court is being asked to grant Mrs De Furga a full hearing.

In a letter to Deer Park patients, the EPO said it hopes the claim will be clarified and withdrawn.

Three Irish campaigners have a glimmer of hope for the future of their prison after Cllr Thomas Churchill, chair of the IFG, revealed that solicitor believes there is a 50 per cent chance of the court case being successful.

This would mean the insurers would

The Patient Participation Group hosted a public meeting at the Corn Exchange in Wincor on Tuesday over the proposed closure of Dore Park.



must be open for at least another 10 months.

Gle Churchill was speaking alongside Sir Lewis Price and Sir Jim King at the meeting which included a legal representation and the Mayor of a public meeting at the town's Court Buildings on

Councillors and Deer Park patients before the centre's closure would need

is an unprecedented pressure on the event's other health centres and services outside London.

These loans are guaranteed by the prospect of thousands of new homes to be built in the area in the near future.

(Mr Churchill said, "What we want is

Motorist airlifted to hospital after crash

A MOTORIST was airlifted to hospital with serious injuries after a collision involving two vehicles in north Oxfordshire on Tuesday morning.

The collision on Copsey Lane, Banbury, involved a Renault 5 and an on its side with the Renault trapped inside.

A Mercedes was moving a high velocity impact was believed to have left the scene.

Sgt Mark Scully from the Joint Operations Unit for South Police said, "I would like to trace the person who left the scene of the vehicle as soon as possible as he may have serious injuries which require medical attention."

"I would like to appeal to anyone in the area of Copsey Lane near the A423 to contact police."

Working with premises from South Central Ambulance Service, fire fighters attended the site and worked to rescue the driver using specialist breathing apparatus and equipment.

The incident commander, station manager Steve Anderson from Banbury Fire Station said, "The two vehicles were badly damaged as a result of the impact and the Mercedes sustained a highly challenging incident."

"The crash involved extremely hard to gain access to the casualty and seriously affect the rescue."

"The collision occurred on a rural road on frosty and foggy conditions. The cause is not known at this time, but is being investigated by Thames Valley Police."

Anyone who witnessed the collision should contact the Police simply centre on 101.

Orchard plan for homes

A half-eye view for a housing estate of 450 new homes at Farnham at its display for residents in house visit and book launch.

Four houses were given a opportunity to look through the plans and speak to members of the development team at a public consultation at the Carrs Exchange in Farnham on Tuesday.

Four houses and four development teams have revealed the plans, which include allotments and a new orchard. The new scheme will also include a primary school, a children's play space and a 'community lane'.

There will also be a sustainable drainage system and new access from Farnham Road.

Four houses developed and built 450 homes at Folly Park estate north of Farnham. The new proposals are in a housing land south of Farnham Road.

Farnham Community Council will be funding a plan and submitting the planning application to Vale of White Horse District Council.

Some of the concerns raised in a 1983 Committee Report for the Farnham area included 'flooded' modelling of traffic flows in the area, with the planning permission for the site comprising of a total number of up to 1,000 units pending approval in Farnham.

According to the planning permission, Farnham working with Oxfordshire County Council and has agreed to meet the Vale's strategic development plan, the Vale's strategic development plan, the Vale's strategic development plan, the Vale's strategic development plan.

The proposed site has been allocated for residential development as part of the council's Local Plan, which aims to deliver a significant amount of new housing by 2010.

Name chickens and win eggs

ADDITIONAL The Oxfordshire Community Council group has launched a chicken naming competition and the winners will be announced at a fruit tree event next month.

The group are inviting more residents to place a chicken in their back garden to be named by the end of the year.

The competition is open to all residents in the Farnham area and the winners will be announced at a fruit tree event on February 15.

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Winners will also take home the eggs from the hens.

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the surgery to stay open for 12 months and to co-ordinate that's what we want. We were turned down by the OPCS and that's what we still want."

There are also concerns over vulnerable patients' access to health care, who have none to rely on in their Park for their health care.

It was confirmed in October that the surgery was to close after continued negotiations between Virgin Care, the OPCS and the OPCS. The OPCS is now in the process of negotiating with the OPCS. The OPCS is now in the process of negotiating with the OPCS.

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According to Cllr Chickell, Virgin Care, which was down to securing a contract, is happy to continue running the surgery, which has only seen 100 of its patients since since the closure was announced three months ago.

The OPCS has been asked to assist by collecting the support of Wilton MP Robert Curran.

The Conservative MP has referred the case to the Secretary of State, who has the power to put a stop to the closure, as a matter of urgency.

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Protesters call for President Trump to put unity first

Bryn Atkinson, Reporter

JNTA's invitation to Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States, protesters displayed a banner on Abraham Bridge as part of counterprotest action for equality and solidarity.

Rangers were cheered all across the country on Friday with supporters of the campaign flocking to London Bridge, Waterloo Bridge, and many other locations.

The groups *Alaphidion* *meridionale* *novae* and *Alaphidion* *fracta* Group revealed three sources of origin.

The groups released a joint statement saying: "We unfurled symbolic banners at Abington Bridge as an antidote to the fear and division that Trump represents. We believe in building bridges to bring people together, rather than walls to keep us apart."

"Although we don't have a vote, the actions of the US President will have a measure impact on Europe and on our world. All are welcome to stand for justice, solidarity, equality and hope."

Korena Faurholt from the *Allyship Model* Commission says: "The act put about Donald Trump."

"Honduran media and civil society, politicians on both sides of the Atlantic are helping to create a new narrative: legacy and extreme right wing views and language are becoming accepted as an everyday part of life."

The *World's Common Campaign* was initiated after the death of RFK in Chicago, recalled other failed U.S. presidential bids in June, in response to the rise in racism and violence during and after the 1960 election campaign.

Online Stand Up is Europe's first platform, joined internationally by acts to participate with the inauguration by holding their own protest on Friday afternoon at Carfax Square central Oxford.

Jon Wickshead, from Stand Up To Racism, said: "Trump's hate speech has helped to create a climate where black, Latino, Muslims and women can be treated as objects of abuse."

"Trump has a long history of racial outbursts. He has, well known in a tweet in 2016, described Mexican immigrants as 'rapists' and 'rap-

A photograph of Donald Trump speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. He has his right hand raised near his face. The background is blurred, showing other people.

star, and conducted the hearing of a Black Lives Matter activist at one of his rallies.

"He has also said women should be punished for having abortions, and strongly sought to downplay the cover-up of sexual violence, describing brutal sexually assaulting women as 'locker room talk'."

"There are a lot of people who are not taking the threat of climate change seriously enough," says the author of *When Did We Stop Caring?* "I think we have to get a lot more people to care about it."

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Shelter to stay open until April



A COURT ruling allowing squatters of an abandoned garage to stay at its premises until April has gone through following a series of legal battles.

The court order that was made at Oxford Crown Court on Friday gives the right for the protestors to remain in the building until April 16.

If the Open House campaigners have been fighting the eviction of homeless people from the building for legal proceedings, the response

Since New Year's Eve, Hagens has been living in the above described building, formerly a garage and has been using the cooking and washing facilities.

Milwaukee Development Investment Ltd., who owns the ground floor of the property, started legal proceedings to recover possession and evict the squatters.

Before the court ruling, Kevin Trevis, group general manager for

The building is due to be renovated and converted into student

Watkins College released a statement on January 17 saying it is "profoundly sympathetic in the plight of homeless people as and around Oxford."

"We are obliged to ensure that the College's assets can be used to their fullest extent and, in addition to the 25 free third property, to construct new student accommodation, which will be particularly important for students of more modest means."

On Friday the college said: "As we have made clear in documents

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Castle Quay growth 'could herald a new beginning for town'

Susantha McGrogan Reporter

A DETAILLED planning application to extend Banbury's Castle Quay shopping centre to create a multi-million pound leisure quarter is due to be submitted this month.

Drafting planning permission for a supermarket, 1,000 under-eight seats, cinema, restaurants and hotel has already been given the green light. But now the developer, Abendorn Asset Management, which owns Castle Quay, is preparing to submit the final application for the titles project.

It said it is also in the final stage of negotiations with several "high profile local undertaker/retailer/leisure" to take on the new units.

None of the tenants have been named, but more details are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

The move has been welcomed by Banbury residents.

Councillor Simon, of Abendorn Asset Management, said: "Over recent years it has been clear that shoppers

are increasingly favouring locations which offer an exciting combination of great shops and leisure outlets such as restaurants, bars and entertainment.

"We've spent the past four years working on GGL with this in mind, developing a dynamic environment that appeals to the modern shopper offers a wide range of entertainment options and encourages more people to come to Banbury."

"We're thrilled that our plans are finally moving forward."

"The project represents around £20 million of investment that we strongly believe will make a big difference and deliver substantial benefits not only to the Castle Quay but to the whole of Banbury town centre."

The restaurants will have the usual provision of outdoor seating and the hotel will be a 35 room boutique style facility.

CEI Steve Westbrook, Banbury Labour group leader, said: "I've been places a few years ago when they were going to build this. It was just very much."

"It was a mistake when the first Castle Quay was built that the streets fronting the canal was ignored. This area became what it is now."

"Now could be a time to see the potential for Banbury to be a new centre for the town. Banbury Town Council leader Simon Wilson, also a Conservative councillor on Charnwood Council and Charnwood county council, said: "This will be good news for the town in general and the town centre in particular. The new shops, restaurants and cinema will be a massive draw from surrounding areas across the town centre."

"The Old Town and independent shops, pubs and restaurants will be able to trade and attract those who shop in the town and enjoy Banbury's traditional shopping streets."

"The number of jobs created to service these additions to Banbury's shopping experience will also benefit Banbury people generally."

It is hoped the plans will be decided this spring and the new developments could open by Christmas 2017.



A detailed planning application for the new centre leisure and shopping development is expected for Castle Quay shopping centre.



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Museum receives grant for its 400th anniversary 'cabinet of curiosities'

THE Ashmolean Museum has received a £100,000 grant for a new display to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of its founder.

Two related temporary galleries will tell how the world's first museum was created by Elias Ashmole, to create his 17th Century cabinet of curiosities.

The double height space will allow the Museum to show important portraits of scientists and thinkers of the 16th and 17th centuries, such as: Ptolemy, a Mathematician in an unusual location.

A display describes Civil War Oxford, will introduce Ashmole's connection to Oxford while exploring the political background of the period.

Director Dr. Xa Seay said: "It will allow us to tell the story of the founding of the first public museum and why it is called the Ashmolean, what it was opened for in 1683, and why it is in Oxford."

The museum added an existing gallery would also be reimagined as a double space for "showing projects that promote rich technical or engineering content for the use of local business."

It will become a permanent laboratory space for innovative and collaborative projects and displays.



Elias Ashmole created the Ashmolean Museum in the 17th century

The money was donated by the SCMS/Wallace Museum & Gallery Improvement Fund and the new collection are expected to open in September.

F1 teams take each other on in Race Hut challenge

LOCAL Formula one teams took part in a hands-on endurance test, an innovation challenge of The Race Hut Oxford, which has led, even across the finish line in first place.

The seven teams to take part were McLaren Honda, Mercedes AMG Petronas, Red Bull Racing, Scuderia Toro Rosso, Sahara Force India, Williams Martini Racing and Infiniti Racing. Experts from different disciplines, including area, strategy, electronics, simulation, and even accounts, to back to the track.

Competitors raced around the Silverstone circuit, and the five teams completed on a circuit of race cars called GTE, a mix of engine types and including BMW, Porsche, Ferrari, Corvair and Lotus Martini.

The contest was a 70-minute endurance race and teams selected different strategies. After establishing a healthy gap of around 15 seconds at the beginning of the race, McLaren started to overtake ground to 3rd and 2nd place teams Toro



Competitors in the F1 teams challenge at the Race Hut in Oxford

Rosso and Mercedes.

As the race came to its final lap, McLaren was in the lead, the top three teams were well off touching distance and running very different strategies.

But McLaren knew it well and responded to victory. The Race Hut manager, Rick Wherry said: "The event was the first of our 'Innovation Challenges' where we invite companies from the same industry to take part in a team-building

event, agreed each other. To see it in a valley, we couldn't think of a better start with local F1 teams."

The next Innovation Challenge at The Race Hut Oxford next month will involve a different event.

A few teams have entered for the last engine building to plan to suggest an industry to take part, contact The Race Hut at theinfo@rhc-ox.com or by calling the same on 01865 771556.



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Eight officers and staff were recognised alongside other colleagues at a ceremony on Tuesday last week and above, ferry driver Emma Kraker was joined for causing the deaths of four people

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Eight police officers and staff who dealt with the aftermath of a deadly north-vehicle crash on the A14 last year have been given memorabilia.

The plenary on August 30 killed a mother and three children and injured a further five people.

Emily Douglas, 45, died instantly along with her sons 30-year-old Joshua, 11 and her partner's daughter Anna Goldsmith, also 11, when Thomas Kraker overtook stationery traffic.

Multi-heavy driver Kraker 38 was jailed for six years in October following his trial at Reading Crown Court.

He was crawling through motor vehicles at the time of the crash while driving on the Oakerdown roundabout.

A three moving heavy crane and two of her horses and four smaller vehicles were all stationary behind it.

Kraker then drove into the back of the vehicles of approximately 10 people. Insp Andy Stacey said: "Our

ins Det Sgt Marie Collins PC David Brown, PC John Simpson, PC Philip Hancock, digital communications officer Ellie Jolly and media officer Lucy Ellis were all recognised at the ceremony.

Thames Valley Police Chief Dettable Frances Hildrew presented the awards at a ceremony at Suffolk Road Police Training Centre in Reading on Tuesday last week.

Insp Andy Stacey said: "Our daughter remains with the family members who have been affected

by this terrible and avoidable collision which resulted in the loss of their loved ones."

An insurance claim using foot age from the crash which has been reduced by more than 100 people was created by one of the seven cars involved, Mr Kelly.

The video captures the moment that age from the incident is not a victim with those directly impacted by the tragedy.

The video can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=igj0wv7b1k

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Eve to go on display at museum

DAWK Jurassic era reptiles including a long-necked dinosaur by the name Eve, could soon go on display in Oxford when the Museum of Natural History successfully runs a grant of £10,000 from a museum and galleries programme fund.

The museum is the recipient of one of 15 grants, including £10,000, which have been awarded to improve displays and facilities at museums and galleries across England.

The DAWK Jurassic Museum and Galleries Improvement Fund will help the museum display Eve, discovered in a limestone quarry at 1800. Eve will be displayed in new cases with new artwork and digital content

alongside another specimen of the short-necked variety discovered near Oxford in the 1930s.

Museum Director Professor Paul Smith said the displays would "re-imagine" the museum by exhibiting "an internationally significant fossil museum reptile".

He said: "We are very grateful to DAWK/Wildlife for the funding. The museum is now looking for matched funding to complete the project."

The exhibit will present a picture of what life was like in the Jurassic period, 180 million years ago, when the first dinosaurs were around in a shadowy area, towering with animals that are now extinct.

Announcing the results, David Hain,

Minister for Digital and Culture, said: "Our museums and galleries are among the best in the world and we should be rightly proud of these institutions."

"We want people to be able to enjoy world-leading culture wherever they live and wherever their background."

"These grants will make an important contribution to ensuring access to these wonderful collections and improving the visitor experience at museums right across the country."

"I applaud the Wildlife Foundation's generosity in once again supporting the Government's commitment to be part of this important work."



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Another 13 retailers set to move into new Westgate complex

WEEK commences the opening of Oxford's Eastern Westgate shopping centre development was completed and week with the unveiling of 13 new retail stores and two restaurants.

With work starting in February 2005 and the centre expected to open its doors to the public in October, the exciting new shopping complex is now just a month away.

Built by the Westgate Oxford Alliance, Westgate has had almost 70 per cent of its units at the £10.5m sq ft shopping and leisure destination pre-let.

The retailers announced on Thursday last week include Matal, Vinted, Smalldoctor, Gant, Body Shop, T2, Royal Churchard, Queens JD Sports, and Oxfordshire Leisure Partners, T2, Theaters, Accessories, Lash and more.

A unit at 10 St John Lewis department store will anchor the new centre, offering alongside premium fashion brands Michael Kors, Hugo Boss, The Elder, Tommy Hilf and



Plan for the revamped Westgate shopping centre

Picture: CCA Design/Strategic Alliance

Cabot Klein and big shoe store forerunner BA M. Russell, a Brandy and Tarkenton Street Food.

Located in the heart of Oxford city centre, investment in Westgate Oxford has seen the worst end of the city's economic struggle to transform a town which will result in more than 160 new stores, 30 restaurants and cafes, a boutique cinema, and new public spaces.

Accessed from the city centre and the new Westgate Oxford Alliance

Plan will also open branches of the revamped centre.

Stephen Hall, founder of the unit, "A lot of research goes into identifying the perfect base for our retail, from our Westgate Oxford located all the better for us."

"The site is well designed, meeting and to be a great addition to the town."

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At the cinema *with Laurie Bailey*

Hacksaw Ridge (15)



Striking tale of courage and conviction under fire

Andrew Garfield stars as Desmond Doss in *Hacksaw Ridge*
Photo: Mark Rogers

1955, Gibson made a 10-year break to direct an extraordinary true story from the 1943 Battle of Okinawa in the *Sassaparilla* film *War*.

Andrew Garfield plays Desmond Doss, an earnest country boy from Virginia who arrives to serve his country after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

His courage is unexpected with his father, Tom, an ex-soldier (Hugh Weaving), a bitter First World War veteran who died with survivor's guilt, and his girlfriend Dorothy (Teresa Palmer), a local nurse who has captured his heart. But no one is more hesitant than his own brother-in-law when asked training reveals deeply-held convictions, as a Seventh-Day Adventist, he is passionately against violence – so much so that he won't even touch a rifle.

Doss' nature that he can be a valuable asset as a combat medic, saving life rather than taking it. But his convictions also make him a liability as people struggle to accept and understand his beliefs.

Where the fighting really comes, you see rapid moves from one



then lost?

For the first two thirds of *Hacksaw Ridge*, Gibson tells an incredibly fine line between heroic matriculation and no war makes. Doss and Doss are wonderful company, moving up a completely simple romance with dark undertones, while much of the drama in Doss' army training is underplayed, ensuring his character stays firmly in the spotlight.

The early cartoon is an effective contrast with the almost unbearable brutality of *Hacksaw*'s graphic battle sequences.

The pace shifts steadily with

awful scenes, rubbing part of his flying speed. Not until *Saving Private Ryan* has war been so brutal as visceral and chaotic.

This is where the film's heart lies as Doss' arrival in the war zone is incredible. But at this point Gibson also falls from his total highgear to a dramatic, into your emotions.

Saving scenes underpin his character, as a small-scale portrait of an American hero – not only respectable but out of character with the rest of the film.

Despite a couple of flaws, *Hacksaw Ridge* is a wonderful tribute to the courage and commitment of a unique war hero.

Laurie Bailey graduated with a degree in English but a love for film. He is an Oxford-based film critic, BBC Radio Oxford film contributor and host of the Super Bailey Bros in Movie Land podcast, for more go to lauriebailey.co.uk. He lives locally with his wife and daughter.

Celebrate Chinese New Year with a giant chicken

Find out how chickens have influenced human culture



James Bealings

Many coming on tomorrow's *Chinese New Year* shows? Then head to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History.

The Public Hall will be exhibiting the chicken as part of celebrations for Chinese New Year on Saturday, January 28 in which the year of the rooster is marked. The museum will be tracking London's everything they need to know about this year's zodiac while being a huge range of activities with the museum having on display a giant chicken on show. The day out is also a way to

encourage children in the area to experience it.

Scott Bealings, the museum's Education Officer, believes the importance of a child being taught new facts in a learning, but they are not familiar with a completely important.

"There is a lot of things that drive to understand the importance of museum as fun places to learn all sorts of things about the world and so easily a wonderful part of their culture," Scott says. The Oxford paper.

"They also allow children to meet the animals behind the facts they read in books and so the museum, which is open.





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and/or who could feel to be used
by a dominant mind structure?"
A focus of research their will be
a number of activities directed
ing how children have influenced
human culture, along with other
rising facts about their cultural
history.

"Children will also learn about why
children and researchers are one of
China's most sacred animals, with
the working taking place under
north children's programs the same
way as a 'Yin-Yang'.

Small animals like they are to be the
primary as well as children.
"There will be an effort to give
the researchers an insight about
why they have been used to be
known about children." he said.

"The mission is an ever ongoing
opportunity to share in the
experience of learning about the
extinct world with their children.

The Psychic Project

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audience. Despite a recent project
towards children as psychic spirit
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and finding out if
thought can tell.
Fri, Jan 27

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smoking, she gives in to alcohol.
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her. He'll show her how to stop
with his hand over his mouth,
but not stand up this
Sat, Jan 26

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in *Amadeus*. *Amadeus* is a comedy
play for the first performance of show
and director and actor is *Amadeus*,
winner *Amadeus* and among
music dance and flamenco band
dance star Victor Fernandez
Sat, Feb 2

Jason and the Argonauts



CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTRE, OXFORD
A religious chapel and of his own
kind, Jason and his crew are
going across the known universe to
find the magical Golden Fleece that
will prove his identity
Sat, Feb 2

Wow! Said the Owl



CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTRE, OXFORD
Based on the acclaimed children's
book by writer Tim Boppre, *Wow!*
Said the Owl explains the new new
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Jamie Raven



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precious. This is real and we have
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world.
Sat, Feb 2 - Sat, Feb 2

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Sat, Feb 2

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What's on in London

Dropkick Murphys



GL HARTON, LONDON
Dropkick Murphys to gig on
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Cuddles for Troubles Comedy



WHL & CHICKEN, LONDON
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Cautionary Tales for Daughters



JESSICA STREET THEATRE, LONDON
Drawing on her own autobiographical experience, composer, Jessyca Street, takes the audience on a journey through comedy. Her music and original animation to the dark heart of growing up and the dark heart of parenting. Tales of the hapless, the hidden and hidden about in dark moments. Mon, Jan 23 - Sat, Feb 4

Abigail



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Dead Funny



VICTORIA WOOD THEATRE, LONDON
Katherine Wood, Victoria Wood's daughter, has written a book about her mother. Sat, Feb 4

Skunk Anansie



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Holding the Man

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Breakfast clubs prove to be a lifeline in the mornings for working mums

Describing the mornings as "tiring" and "unsatisfying" just a fifth of working mums and dads claimed they found time to enjoy breakfast with their children, with nearly 50 per cent marking breakfast clubs as very important for their families' survival and routine.

The findings emerge from the Parent's Lifestyle survey, which looks into the role school breakfast clubs play in the lives of working families, showing how important breakfast is to nearly 50 per cent of breakfast clubs to provide adequate children.

More than a quarter (27 per cent) of parents feel the absence of a breakfast club would mean at least one parent would be forced out of work, however it is mums who will bear the brunt (33 per cent).

Interestingly one in five (20 per cent) of mums, but almost none of the dads, would mean they would have to reduce their part-time hours, with nearly 10 per cent of parents claiming they were more than 150 every week by making their children in breakfast clubs.

The survey of 2,000 working parents showed how it isn't just "superhero" families who rely on the clubs.

A quarter of all low-income families claimed they needed breakfast clubs to help people children, with nearly a third (30 per cent) saying that nearly a third of all working mums and dads said they would have to reduce their part-time hours if the club was to go to work.

Lifting the lid on the stressful lives of Britain's parents, the study showed how the fast-paced modern dynamic forces them to



Breakfast clubs can help help to keep families

hurry to get their children to school by 8.30am. Interestingly, however, it's not just mums who are struggling to get their children to school by 8.30am. In fact, nearly 20 per cent of mums and dads said they would have to reduce their part-time hours if the club was to go to work.

Morgan Jones, Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the Family and Childcare Trust argued breakfast clubs are not just about ensuring children have an adequate meal in the morning but also providing low-income families with much needed support.

She said: "Breakfast clubs are

about much more than just cereal and toast in the morning – our research shows that breakfast clubs can help children do better at school and beyond, can help parents meet and in their job's work hours and can provide working families with the support they need to manage a work-life balance in modern Britain.

"Two years' families are struggling across children that miss their meals, but school breakfast clubs can help fill the gap when there is not enough of school children available. They help boost outcomes for children (free of hunger and support parents to work).

Many parents admitted they offered their children breakfast to get them out the door on time – with 20 per cent claiming that the breakfast club or parent support for breakfast and meals is needed at breakfast.

Kilgus's has been supporting breakfast clubs around the UK for 10 years, with a network of 1,500 breakfast clubs across the UK.

Baroness Williams, Minister for Children's Affairs, said: "The fact is, breakfast clubs are not just about providing a meal for children, but also about providing a lifeline for parents."

"However it is not just children who benefit. Breakfast Clubs are also vital resources to help working parents, saving millions in childcare costs and delivering benefits for children and families."

"They are a lifeline, particularly for those parents on lower incomes." "However it is not just the financial benefits, but also the support that breakfast clubs can offer to parents, particularly in the early stages of breakfast clubs, as the whole more likely to feel happier and healthier with 20 per cent of a budget in the morning."

Connectivity can be good for teenagers – but in moderation

While a lot has been said by scientists and psychologists about the possible dangers of teenagers spending time on digital devices or computers, a new paper argues there is little reason to believe to back up these claims.

The authors, from Oxford and Cardiff universities say they are the first to systematically test for links between well-being and screen time measured on a weekly basis, rather than on a daily basis, and days of the week.

They have proposed the Goldilocks theory that there is a point between low and high use of technology that is "just right" for teenagers when this sense of well-being is boosted by being able to manage amounts of screen time.

The researchers suggest this may be because digital connectivity can enhance memory, communication skills and development. Their findings also suggest that the relationship between screen time and well-being is weak at best, even when using

people access their digital devices. The paper is published in the journal *Psychological Science*.

Using a well-established self-report measure of mental well-being, researchers from Oxford and Cardiff analysed the findings from 12,000 15-year-olds in Britain (all after using digital technology and how much time they spent on different devices). Nearly all (99.7%) of the participants self-reported spending time using at least one type of digital technology on a daily basis.

The two-year study asked about time spent watching TV and on TV programmes, playing computer games, using the internet, or using mobile phones. The paper concludes that most teens moderate their use of technology with a negative effect on well-being that is only moderate, but a "small" effect at 1% or less – equivalent to one fifth of the positive effect of an all-day use of a good gift, a day per regularly eating breakfast.



Moderate use of gaming and screen time can be good for teens

Thresholds defining the point at which moderate use becomes excessive and effects well-being negatively varied according to the digital device and whether teenagers played during the week or at weekends, says the study. It suggests teens should be limited to 1 hour 45 minutes for

weekday after-school play and 1 hour 15 minutes for weekend gaming.

Watching videos and using computers for educational purposes appear to be less disruptive to teens' sleep during the weekends, with 1 hour 15 minutes for weekdays and 1 hour 17 minutes for weekends.

For weekends the first was 3 hours 35 minutes for playing video games to 4 hours, 30 minutes for watching videos.

The authors conclude that "moderate" levels of digital screen use are better on weekends because the weekdays are relatively free of opportunities for watching and learning compared to weekends.

Lead author Dr Andrew Przybylski, of the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford, said: "Previous research has overemphasised the relationship between digital screen time and the mental well-being of teenagers."

"Overall we found that moderate use of digital technology is not inherently harmful and may have additional benefits in a moderated way without digital screens are connected to interfere with academic or other school activities."

"Now research suggests that screen connectivity is probably better than none and there are moderate levels that are 'just right' for young people."

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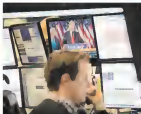
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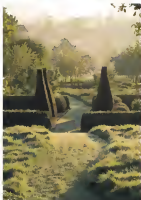
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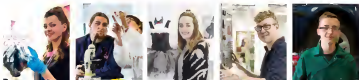
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A SUMMER wedding offers some gorgeous wedding theme possibilities from elegant to funnino wedding day styles. Before considering flowers, dresses, decoration, invitations, outfit, it is a first of all vital to consider what you want your day to be: super stylish, cool and relaxed, rustic, urban, retro, vintage or romantic.

Celtic

With St Patrick's day in March, there are lots of ways to include an Irish theme. Make a harriet knot to wear on your wedding day, or place one in your bouquet to symbolize your Irish heritage. Hire a Celtic with traditional Irish dance. Wear Irish Linen and serve a traditional Irish Wedding Feast. Give Celtic-inspired gifts marked with the claddagh (two hands and a heart). Give love Tokens of Hair - they're symbolic of acceptance.

Cherry Blossoms

Cherry blossoms stand for virtue and new beginnings. Have a thick layer of flower petals covering the aisle. For centrepieces, use compact flowers like hydrangeas or peonies with crystal-beaded willow for dramatic height, and scatter petals generously. Hand your bridesmaids, parents, or best. Coordinate all your gowns with beautiful rich brocade sashes. To add a bit of glowing round paper lanterns from the ceiling.

Butterfly

A springtime bride might pair butterflies with lilac-wine branches and pastel petal blurs, wear pretty silver and rhinestone jewellery sets. Have the groom wear a single fabric butterfly in his buttonhole. Dress flower girls in wings and carry a white satin petal basket that's filled with butterfly petals instead of the usual rose petals.



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In the first quarter of this year Louise will launch her own collection of unique hand block printed pieces, from which the client will be able to choose from a variety of styles and colours. All pieces will be made and produced in Wellingford. This will give the client the opportunity to have a variation to suit them but still remain exclusive. Along with Louise Claire Millinery's own collection they are pleased to also be providing a collection from an independent milliner based in London within the next month. A collaboration that Louise Claire Millinery is very excited about.

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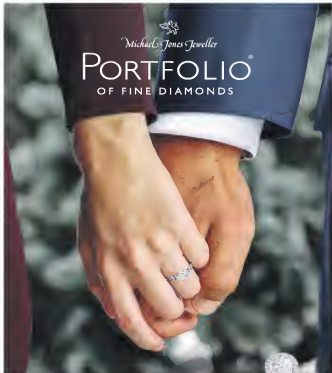
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Business

Oxford Sciences Innovation establishes collaboration

Oxford Sciences Innovation (OSI) announced a collaboration with Celgene Corporation to accelerate existing-edge clinical research that can deliver new life-changing treatments to patients and clinicians worldwide.

OSI is a leading provider of life science services across the world to deliver innovative treatment options to patients.

Dr Andrew McAuley, CEO of OSI, said: "This is an exciting partnership opportunity for OSI. This medical sciences work in Oxford pushes the frontier of our understanding of biological systems and disease."

Professor Sir John Bell, Senior Professor of Medicine at Oxford University, added: "This partnership with Celgene is a powerful model for how academic and industry can deliver innovative treatment options to patients. I am confident that projects like this have the potential to positively advance medical research and improve global healthcare."

Robert Pacey, President of Research and Early Development at Celgene, said: "This alliance is a powerful, changing opportunity that develops and strengthens the innovative ecosystem. We remain committed to driving novel advanced research and novel collaborative alliances and believe the true benefits of our collaboration with Oxford Sciences Innovation can help change the course of human health through bold patients in science in the pursuit of the perfect cure."

Five Oxfordshire businesses shortlisted at the 2017 UK Wedding Awards

Hampton Palace and five other, Parglows and Rose, Tythe Barn, Pearlys by Kirsty and The Party Cake Company are shortlisted in the UK Wedding Awards



Which wedding firm will you say 'I do' to in industry awards?

The shortlist for the UK Wedding Awards 2017, recognising the very best of the UK wedding industry, has been announced and is now open to the public vote.

The UK Wedding Awards – hosted by Immediate Media's Wedding Week magazine, Perfect Wedding and You & Your Wedding – has revealed its 2017 shortlist and five Oxfordshire businesses have been shortlisted in the Best Wedding Venue, Best Wedding Venue, Wedding Cake Company and the Best Wedding Florist categories.

The nominees, across the 20 categories, focused around five key areas: Fashion, Venue, Suppliers, Travel and Gift Lists. Now it's time for a panel of industry experts from hundreds of critics.

Sam Jellison, Immediate's Weddings Producer, said: "We are delighted with the level of interest that we have

received for the UK Wedding Awards 2017. The range, quality and diversity of the entries is a real indication on the talent and service levels within the UK wedding market."

It is now up to the public to decide who wins by voting for their favourite brand in the online poll or via email at <http://www.brideandwed.com>.

Voting is open now and closes on Thursday February 9. Every person who votes will be entered in a prize draw for a chance to enjoy a romantic breakfast night in at the Antiques Market, Southcot, including dinner for each night.

All shortlisted entries will also be considered for the Editor's Choice Awards – three unique awards selected by the Editor-in-Chief, Perfection Wedding and You & Your Wedding. The winners will be announced in spring 2017.

The five shortlisted

Best Wedding Venue

The Tythe Barn, Leamington

Stately Home Wedding Venue

Blackwell Palace

Wedding Cake Company

The Party Cake Company

Minster Lovell, Wilton

Wedding Florist

Parglows by Kirsty

and Rose, Westgate

Wedding Florist

Parglows and Rose,

Leamington Spa, Warwick



New-look website for Whitley Stimpson reflects personality

In time for the new year, Whitley Stimpson, one of the largest independent accountancy firms in the area, has launched a new, fully responsive website which has been redesigned to give visitors a more fun and engaging user experience. www.whitleystimpson.co.uk

The site showcases the firm's breadth of services across the four offices in Banbury, Bicester, High Wycombe and Witney and also gives a clear indication to users in specialist areas including agriculture, accountancy, accounting and information. It also features video clips and full text blogs and guest blogs from our key directors, clients and contacts.

Julie Ann Widdow, director at Whitley Stimpson said: "The time was



right to create a new website, with this website being a central information source for our clients and Google search.

My mobile friendly website helps, but it's a completely new website. We wanted to take a new

step for our users, so the new site allows navigation from across in every professional sector. Most importantly we wanted it to reflect our culture and personality. In the site design a clear focus on people and how we work together with our clients. We're also incorporated some fun elements including a meet the team page which provides an interesting insight into many of our teams. Our new website is easy to navigate, includes the user to provide information they require in the most relevant way possible and is responsive across all digital platforms. We would welcome your feedback."

The Whitley Stimpson team worked closely with Whitley Stimpson throughout the project to achieve

their desired result. "To have a more accessible website with a particular focus on the client profile. The site also needed to be easy to navigate and easy to update using the content management system and most importantly it was essential that the new site should be responsive. In other words users to have no-need to use a computer. After a series of meetings and working through various design and UX ideas, we came up with a design that we were all happy with and the end result is a new, friendly, easy to use, clear website. It has been a really exciting project for us to work on, we have pushed the boundaries with both the design and functionality and are now looking forward to see it as a successful piece."

Record occupancy levels fuel growth in flexible office market

Occupancy levels at serviced office centres, which span across the United Kingdom, are at an all-time high according to a recent report compiled by leading commercial property agents, VSI & Partners.

The flexible office market, known for over 30 years, provided businesses with an effective alternative to the traditional office. The rise in start-up culture, the resulting demand for short-term lets, and the OLSR's commitment to leading the way in further growth in Oxfordshire with its new offices just opened and a further two in the next 18 months.

The VSI, review arrived out in December 2016, investigated the national and international centre market in Oxford and Oxfordshire.

The report shows a total of 302 serviced office spaces, of which 20% is located in Oxford. The largest provider in Oxford has more than 1,000 sq ft 90% of the total space.

The report finds that the average size of a centre is 10,000 sq ft. Over 100 centres were contacted with all reporting occupancy rates of between 85% and 100%, and most reporting a rising trend.

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Strategy published by VSI & Partners, which is the largest and most active in the city.

The OLSR has identified the key factors for growth. These include the following: the rise in start-up culture, the resulting demand for short-term lets, and the OLSR's commitment to leading the way in further growth in Oxfordshire with its new offices just opened and a further two in the next 18 months.

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Success for local car dealer as UK sales rise 7%

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Discover the Ashmolean with a new podcast

ANEW podcast series at which Oxford University academics from very different fields discuss subjects from the Ashmolean Museum's collection.

In each episode of "Thinking with Things: The Oxford Collections Podcast", a prominent academic explains the story behind a single object from the Ashmolean's collection, that relates to their research.

Anthropologist Professor Chris Lounsbury, president of the RSCS's City at Night, has selected a 19th Century silk rug carrying black and white scenes of Egyptian life.

Geneticist Professor Sarah Hoggins was a child refugee from the Egyptian collection. Unusually, this

usually relates and compares ancient and modern populations.

English Literature scholar Professor Susan Herrmann Lee discusses the painting *Christ by Walter Einfeld* (1867) and how it relates to the writer Virginia Woolf's work in 1914.

"What's great is that located at first the Ashmolean has been a place where academics and researchers come to study and be inspired by the collections," says Sarah Tabery of the Ashmolean Museum, who developed the podcasts.

"These podcasts show that whether you are interested in German literature, anthropology, or Arabic, there



is something for everyone in the Ashmolean.

"We hope that these specially curated podcasts, created by some of the University of Oxford's greatest

researchers, highlighted with special purple labels.

Each podcast will be available to download via the Ashmolean's page for MP3, via iTunes 12 or from the University of Oxford's Podcast page.

The podcasts last up to three minutes each and can be listened to in their whole episodes, or watched as videos.

Over the next year the Museum plans to produce more podcasts with academics ranging from Botany to medicine, literature and primary care, to be released gradually as they are produced.

The podcasts can be downloaded for free on iTunes.

Raise a glass to best bars and pubs at national awards

The search for the UK's best pub and best restaurant will be under way, starting to find the best pub in each county across the UK.

The National Pub & Bar Awards celebrates the best pub from each of the 54 counties of the United Kingdom.

The winners could be run by a single sole operator, part of a brand or a national chain, or part of a group of pubs, or a mix of all three. The National Pub & Bar Awards is all about the individual pubs in each county and highlighting the best of their work.

These 54 county winners will be crowned at a red carpet celebration at RIPA on May 22. That's more than 100 years since the first National Pub & Bar Awards.



Winner award that night, as well as the overall National Pub & Bar of the Year title. It's the night of pure celebration.

Being held at the County Museum at the National Pub & Bar Awards 2017. The Church Inn of Metherley was officially named as the best pub in the UK in London's RIPA last May. With the accolade came profits, and in practice many visitors travel

from far and wide to visit the best pub in the country.

The Church Inn was the best pub in the country – the title was won after that, says Tim Dard, owner of The Church Inn.

From perfect service to product range, authentic design or convenient central site, the 10 county winners will be judged on all the aspects required to provide ultimate hospitality while the trade.

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Give your home a winter makeover

David Wilson Homes has teamed up with one of its legendary designers to show homeowners in Oshkosh how they can keep up with the latest design trends this season.

Now that winter is here, Kate Lettvinello, Managing Director of Artisan Interiors Design, has spent the last 10 years on how you can transform your home in time for the season.

Kate, who has worked in the industry for over 15 years, said, "Winter design is very unique but also creating a new look for a home for David Wilson Homes is a great call the home's potential, create a noticeable space for homeowners and makes them feel like their dream home is noticeable goal."

"Design trends constantly change throughout the year and as we draw closer to winter, we are seeing a lot of new things and creative uses of lighting, wallpaper, floor, and so on to update your home."

Take the winter blues with bright colors

You can beat the winter blues by using colors that make you happy and brighten up your home. The top color combination for the winter is white with bright orange and grey with red. These colors are a contemporary and fresh look while adding warmth and depth to your home. Mulberry is also a very popular color as an interior color, as it can be paired with other colors or other accessories to create an elegant and



sophisticated look.

Brighten up the winter months with creative lighting

As the nights draw in and natural light becomes more limited, a top tip from Kate is to illuminate your home using stylish statement lighting which creates light and adds texture. Candles are also a great way to add light and ambience, giving your home a cozy and more homely feel.

To maximize light in every room, experiment with large mirrors to reflect natural light throughout the house. Enhance your rooms by adding table or floor lamps to create dark corners and soft spots.

Accessories your home for the winter months

Four shoppable has made a comeback this winter and what it is used as a rug in front of the fireplace.

used as a drop over a chair, it is a beautiful material as it is versatile and helps to keep you warm at the same time. Using various shades of grey accessories and themes is great for the winter as they are easy to layer up in with furnishings throughout the home. Metallic accessories are ideal for reflecting light and warming up any room, creating a rich and stylish look at the same time.

Rob Allen, Sales Director at

David Wilson Homes Southern, said, "Winter design is very important to us as a homebuilder and we take great pride in how our new homes look."

"We always try to keep up with the latest design trends to suit each season and incorporate our own and style through the year. To ensure that our show homes are always warm and welcoming for potential customers, we work closely with top interior designers to put the finishing touches on a winter look."

"These top tips are a great way for people who are currently in the process of moving or moving homeowners to achieve a stylish and seasonal look in their own home."

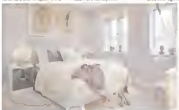
David Wilson Homes is currently building at the following developments in Oshkosh: Abbotts Meadows, Barrett Road, Stewart, Three and Four bedroom homes available from \$116,000.

Great Western Park, Blackthorn Road, Oakton, Three and four bedroom homes available from \$179,000.

Orchard Gate, Winty Road, Kingston, Four and five bedroom homes available from \$243,000.

Stonemaster Park, Southwick Road, Carterton, Four bedroom homes available from \$242,000.

The Millings, Borough Avenue, Wellingford, Four bedroom homes available from \$179,000.



Volunteers more likely to be picked over other job candidates

Volunteering gives job-seekers a huge advantage over other candidates, new research reveals. The study shows 50 per cent of employers are even likely to hire an applicant with no qualifications or previous experience.

Because believe volunteers have better social skills, are good team players, have initiative and will motivated into other applicants.

An online survey of 1,000 people from all walks of life, experience of different organisations, and doing something positive are all cited as reasons why volunteers particularly impress employers.

This survey of 200 employers, representing a wide spectrum of professional services, was conducted by Charity Aid, commissioned by Oshkosh. The charity relies on 15,000 volun-

teers to help it deliver across the UK. Out of the 200 employers, more than 80 per cent consider volunteers to be better quality job candidates. Three quarters of them say given the choice, between two identical candidates, they would select the person with a track record of giving their time for free. Christine Burton, Charities' training director said, "Our new research is

good evidence that volunteering is a person's employability, making volunteering a truly positive choice for anyone wanting to change jobs or progress their career."

"Think of volunteering as an on-the-job training, who work together to give customers a wonderful shopping experience and make money in their extensive poverty around the world."

"Our volunteers bring a huge array of skills to the job and receive the support they need to develop their skills too."

"Whether it's working behind the till, working in a shop, or working on a pop up shop, we're making our social media - there are so many ways to get involved and make your CV at the same time."

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North Abingdon

Located within this popular area of Abingdon, is three bedrooms detached house, for sale with parking consent (P1547155/P1547156) to build a three bedroomed detached house with parking and garden. The existing house comprises entrance lobby, study room, dual aspect sitting and dining rooms, a modern kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. A linked garden area to the front, garage, drive and additional parking. The rear garden is private and enclosed, built a generous lawn and planted garden. EPC: D

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Abingdon Mews £568,000
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Banbury move into play-off spots

George Whitham Reporter

BANBURY United propelled themselves into the Southern Football League Premier Division play-off places for the first time this season with a narrow 1-0 win against local rivals Broom's.

Broom's Corner McDonagh bagged a brace as the Purvians came from behind to win 3-1 at The Banbury Post Free Community Stadium on Saturday.

Although converted either side of half-time, in fact United in a season high of 14th place and retained the north Cheshire's relegation status next season.

But Banbury were made to work hard for the three-goal win. It took the lead against the run of play on 25 minutes.

Former Bradford left-back Johnny Bird, who has played just 10 times in his 19th cap at Stamford Bridge, launched a long drive into the box and Broom's struck the ball low into the corner of the net to put the visitors ahead.

The first half developed into an equal affair but it was Banbury who scored the all important goal

just three minutes before the interval when Mark Ball lifted the ball through in McDonagh down the left and the United striker finished coolly.

Two minutes into the second half and United were in front when good work by James Smith down the right by line was the start of the move where McDonagh was on hand to score his second of the game, this time from close range.

Five minutes later substitute Ian McMichael, although through and he struggled off the right flank of the 11th minute before being narrowly over the bar.

The visitors went close to equalising when Darlan Rogers shot just over the far side of the goal, but Banbury doubled their lead shortly to secure the win.

The Purvians looked to revitalize their play-off position on Tuesday night, but the home match against high flying Chesham United was abandoned just before half-time due to fog.

Mike Furl's men went to fourth place, Mansfield Town, who sit on one and two points above Banbury, at Banbury.



Banbury United players celebrate. Picture courtesy of EA Sports Photography

Ardley beat imperious Bracknell to secure passage into the semi-finals



Ardley players celebrate their win and goal of the evening.

ARDLEY United ended Bracknell Town's rampant 11-match winning run to progress to the semi final of the Southern Floods Cup.

United came from behind to beat the Floods League Premier Division leaders in a very busy Friday night on Tuesday.

The match got off to a poor start for Ardley when Bracknell took the lead through Joe Gratton in 11 minutes, who snatched the lead beyond Mark Ross when the Ardley defence failed to clear a corner.

Unsettled, United fought back instantly and levelled through Gary Galt on 16 minutes later.

Not having Ross substitute the ball inside the Bracknell area, United and turned back thumping home the equaliser.

Lenny bagged his first brace as the visitors broke the deadlock, to the forward opened the Town back the end and

his effort put the longer and made the last goal three right goals.

Ardley scored their first goal after the break when a brilliant right-half strike from the left, a defender struck at a goal rebound the ball was not guarded well.

And the greatest moment for Paul Dimes a side who are now just two wins away from lifting the Floods Cup.

Dimes said after the win: "Before tonight Bracknell had won 11 games in a row and I said to the lads that all we have to do is win one."

"I watched them at the weekend and I saw how good they are."

"I thought we were thoroughly underestimated, scored some good goals and maybe another night could have been a disaster."

"Every single one of my lads wanted their sides off tonight."

Kearns to lead rugby side

CONVILLE Kearns has become the first Irishman to captain Oxford University's new rugby side for many years. Anointed by his fellow countrymen for the 10th County Championship.

The 30-year-old Irish-born player from Broom's Corner will also captain the first Irishman to captain the Irish players in the 19th century.

Speaking on his appointment, Kearns said: "It is a privilege and an honour to be elected as captain of CRUFC for the coming Varsity campaign."

"I hope you look at the people who have gone before you and the tradition that is attached to the role. It is a great source of inspiration."

The university's leading forward to the occasion said:

as your leader with a lot of support at Varsity.

Kearns was reported to lead the side for the first time against Bath at Witley Road last night.



Conor Kearns

North Leigh earn valuable point

A DEFEATED North Leigh side earned a valuable point at second placed Bracknell United on Saturday by keeping their play-off hopes alive.

Leigh's defence sustained serious pressure from the proud side's keepers, but a robust defensive display secured a point for the west Oxfordshire side in a draw.

The game was extra valuable for Leigh's last 10th, whose side was missing a number of players through sickness, injury, work and other commitments.

The visitors matched their opponents' attack for attack and on 14 minutes, in the corner of the large crowd, they took the lead.

James O'Leary picked up possession on the right side of the Bracknell penalty area before kicking the ball back to Kevin Williams who ran into it.

It was a strong start for the former St Albans defender Kevin Sawyer.

The visitors led Leigh strongly with a series of corners but, despite their dominance, struggled to break down North Leigh's defence.

But just as the Yellowbirds thought they would close their lead into the break, Bracknell's Ryan Smith scored a brace to level the game.

Garry Brown, who has attracted a lot of interest from higher level non-league sides, easily beat Murray Agnew with a free kick that struck the top of the goal.

The second half was more after more of Bracknell's attack but Leigh's side held firm for a valuable point as Sawyer scored in the closing stages. North Leigh's match at home to Wokingham on Tuesday was postponed.

Football postponements

POSTPONED conditions and resulting fog has played a part in football's schedule this week.

Games of football matches at all levels were postponed due to the weather conditions.

United's match at home to Bracknell City on Tuesday was postponed due to the weather conditions.

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'Very special' cup tie with The Toon

THOUSANDS of Oxford United fans will flock to stadium Kassam this afternoon to watch the U's encounter Premier League side Newcastle United in the FA Cup Fourth Round. And Newcastle boss Steve McClaren will have many reasons to feel 'up for the cup' this weekend.

January's game against the Magpies will see 'Vic', who joined last year's Appleton's bookends season 2016, up against a club where he enjoyed his numerous seasons alongside former U's great Kevin Keegan in the 1990s. Aided of the eagerly anticipated cup tie, the 40-year-old said, "I had 30 years up there and four were very special."

"It's a fantastic football club. We had some great times, taking them from the lower reaches of the Championship into the Premier League and into Europe."

"It was a fantastic experience." And Newcastle boss McClaren will believe Keegan to be one of the best players he has ever seen in his 40 years.

He said, "It is a different set-up as some players and a different team's shaped up a club."

"They will have a significant base and a great stadium and training facilities."

"It's a club with huge potential and a footballing perspective. I'm very excited about the Premier League and the new season."

McClaren has also coached Blackburn Rovers, Barnsley, Fleetwood and Lincoln and worked for former England manager Steve Gerrard at Manchester City. And Newcastle boss McClaren has enjoyed his time at the club since he was a player in the FA Cup and a working class in the Tyneside club last season.

He said, "The cup competition"



Oxford United first team coach David Fletcher
Pictured: McClaren of NUFC

gave me something last year and there is the possibility they could do that again this year.

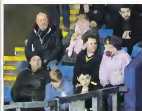
"For every club in the FA Cup it's a great day for the fans and we will be happy to replicate what we did against Swindon last year, but it's a great performance and hope it can go on a result."

"The fan will see a full house at the Kassam Stadium, with ticket sales at the stadium for the match on Friday."

Speaking before Tuesday's replay of the game against Bradford City in the Championship, McClaren said, "I'm proud of the senior first team players, despite it being a disappointing result."

He said, "The competition has been good for us. It has given us an opportunity to see players develop who I had too much football and when they have come in they have performed well and played players under pressure."

"That is precisely what you want when you are in the situation we are in at the moment."



Tuesday dates for rearranged games

OXFORD United have announced new dates for the postponed home games against Bolton Wanderers and Sheffield United, both of which have been postponed due to the club's progress in the EFL Cup. FA Cup. Both Sheffield League One.

Matches will be played on Tuesday evening.

The new dates for the Sheffield United fixture are March 7, while Bolton will now visit the Kassam Stadium March 21.

Both games will have 7.45pm kick-off.

First player re-signs as Oxford's captain leaves 'club she holds dear'

OXFORD United women's captain Kat Mason and her wife have left the club after leaving the club, bringing an end to their three-year stay. The couple made their final United home in the FA Cup final in 2016, the club's highest final in 100 years.

Mason scored one goal in 11 games in the 2016 season.

She said, "Oxford United has been a great club for me and my family, and I will always hold the club dear."

"My life and career is now taking me away from Oxford, but I will always be thankful for the support I have given as a player here."

"I would like to thank the fans, players and all the staff both at Oxford United and at Northampton. I will always have their support over the next few seasons."

"I wish the U's the very best in the coming season."

Meanwhile, defender Jess Frampton has agreed a new deal with the U's, making her the first player to re-sign for the club since 2011. She is a new league in the next year.

Frampton, 25, was virtually ever-present last season, playing 36 times after joining from Northampton.

She said, "I am delighted to have been given another opportunity to play with a team I love so much."

"I can't wait for us all, as a team, to better ourselves in the upcoming season and show what we are really capable of."



Kat Mason and Jess Frampton, pictured at Oxford United.



Oxford United P Bradford City P Match due to be replayed Tuesday January 31



Pair in line for friendly return

Oxford United have been
boasted the week by the return
to see if old defenders Christian
Ribeiro and Sam Long.



Oxford United defenders Christian
Ribeiro and Sam Long
Picture courtesy of OUF

Ribeiro suffered a serious ankle
injury in the final post-season
training session in August and has
yet to make a start for the U's while
Long has been out for a number of
weeks in a hamstring problem.

The defender duo couldn't
compete for a friendly against
Cambridge United on Wednesday
at the end of the month.
Head coach Michael Appleton
told the club website: "They have
both made good progress and
it's good to see them back out in
training."

"Well Christian it is still at the
early stages and it is going to
take a while before he is back in
competition."

"We won't put too many line
scouts on either him or Sam for a
full return but we do hope to have
them involved in some way when
we play a development game
against the Vancouver Whitecaps
at the end of the month."

The friendly against Vancouver
is scheduled to take place at
Dragon Park, Nanaimo on Monday,
January 30.



Fans were left disappointed
as Tuesday's night game
with Bradford City was
called off at the last minute
due to a frozen pitch.

After two earlier inspec-
tions, referee Dean Whit-
stone belatedly took the

decision to call off the
Chesham Trophy quarter
final and club captain Peter
Rhodes-Brown explained
his decision to the hoary
fans who had turned out in
the freezing temperatures
to cheer the U's on.

The game is now set to
be played next Tuesday
between United's FA Cup
side with Championship title
contenders Newcastle this
weekend and the following
weekend's local derby away
to rivals Swindon.



All photos: Peter O'Neill



Spanish youth star signed for Hammers

Oxford United have bolstered
their front line by signing West Ham
United and Spanish youth star
Mariano on loan until the end of the
season.

The 18-year-old forward started
his career at Valencia in 2001 and
moved to West Ham last year.

The former Spain under-17 inter-
national earned his transfer to the
English top-flight club scoring more
than 100 goals for Valencia's youth
teams.

And he has been in great form for
the West Ham Development side having
helped them to beat Grimsby Town

last month to take his goal tally to 12
goals from 11 appearances.

United head coach Michael Apple-
ton said: "It's an exciting signing. He
has a terrific scoring record and is
very highly thought of at West Ham
and our goal is to take back at Oxford
United as a club where we help our
home talented young footballers and
help develop them."

"He will certainly add some seri-
ous competition for us at the top of
the pitch."

"The striker is available for the
Chesham Trophy having scored
three for West Ham against Crawley

City earlier in the competition, but
must be part of United's squad for
the sold-out FA Cup tie at home to
Newcastle United on Saturday.

Mariano told the club's website:
"It's a great opportunity and a very
good club."

"It is an important step forward and
we can really looking forward to it."
The statement occurred the former
El Progresso player's signing from the
Spanish youth side on a three-year
contract last April.

Mariano joins the U's after West
Ham loanee Tyler Roberts left the
club to join Barnet on loan.



Mariano signed for West
Ham in a £2.4m deal from Valencia
Picture courtesy of OUF

OOUFC season tickets on sale

AS the Oxford United Women's
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U's put on display of the season to end Dale's 10 match winning home run

A spotless performance as Rochdale hit for four



GOAL, Rochdale 5-1 OXFORD: Marvin Johnson
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GOAL, Rochdale 8-3 OXFORD: Ryan Taylor, 53 mins



GOAL, Rochdale 9-4 OXFORD: Ryan Leckey, 75 mins

George Welch, Reporter

OXFORD United produced their best performance of the season to end lefty Dale's unbeaten run of 11 straight league wins at home with a resounding 9-4 victory.

The goals either side of half time from four different United goalscorers emphatically fired the U's to a memorable victory on Saturday as what was a lousy United performance the way back will surely be a long time.

Dale had suffered a league defeat at their Spotted Cow in a 1-0 loss

to MK Dons on August 31 and March 20th in all. But were there last 10 as home side, a rise that had extended back to September 17.

But the visitors who have seen last just were in some very bad luck as all competitors were at midweek a night a side that have been in the play off places since November.

With Joe Moxley's injury from injury in last match Michael Appleton made one change and those personal substitutions from the previous week and a 1-0 defeat at AFC Wimbledon. While left back Alex Smith has first league start for his month by replacing Alex Macdonald, Marcus Johnson

was returned to his more familiar role as a winger.

As a result, top scorer Chris Whelan's righted Macdonald on the right and Rob Hall was pushed up front alongside Ryan Taylor in Appleton's tactical surprise.

And the former Portsmouth, Blackpool and Shrewsbury Town's manager, a tactical changes paid dividends as first half goals from Johnson and Hall and an overhead kick from Taylor and a first United goal for Ryan Leckey after the break, secured Dale's wonderful home record to date.

Johnson blasted Oxford into the

lead on 17 minutes when his crossman shot from the left hand side of the box took a slight deflection on its way past Rochdale goalkeeper David Lacey for his third of the season.

And Johnson was well rewarded in doubling Oxford's lead on the half hour mark by making provider masterfully backheeling the ball into the path of Hall, who tapped in from close range for his second in a away game.

Rochdale threatened at the start of the second half through playmaker Jon Henderson, but Oxford's second goal came on 53 minutes.

From a half corner, Taylor

struck home his fourth of the season to make it 3-1 to the visitors. It was a brace for Oxford's home side in a fourth of the season but for first league goal since November until a home win against Crawley.

And the host was completed in style by former Everton striker Leckey, who scored as a second half substitute playmaker. Leckey, took a first touch could not have done any more to score his first career goal as 75 minutes.

The win moved Appleton's side up one place to 17th in Sky Bet League One, eight points and just in touch of the play off.

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